

Application No. 10/582,931
Preliminary Amendment dated April 2, 2007

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

Status Of Application

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-7 have been amended to correct matters of form. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

Amendments to the Abstract and Specification

The abstract and specification have been amended to correct errors. Accordingly, a substitute specification and a marked-up copy of the substitute specification are being submitted herewith.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

This Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims, does not increase the total number of claims, and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, no fee based on the number or type of claims is currently due. However, if a fee, other than the issue fee, is due, please charge this fee to Sidley Austin LLP Deposit Account No. 18-1260.


If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be

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construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

Any other fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time and any other fee required by this document pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin LLP Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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